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LOCAL

S. O. Kenyon has completed the local school census.

Mr. and Mrs. Hale Thornton spent Sunday at the home of W. J. Bale.

C. C. Giddings sold a new Overland car to Alonzo Mahoney of Decatur this week.

Mrs. Rheta Nash and Mrs. Fannie Mitchelson were Kalamazoo visitors on Friday.

George Symons of Chicago is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Kenyon for the week end.

Mrs. Clara Bale was in Albion last week as delegate to the state Methodist convention.

Mrs. N. H. Bangs has gone to Viola, Minnesota for a visit among relatives and friends.

C. C. Giddings was in Grand Rapids Wednesday and drove a new Overland car home.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Giddings have moved here and are now nicely located in the Franc Warner home.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Howe and daughter Miss Hazel, are in Niles to visit her sister, Mrs. Helen Purdy and family.

The Dorcas Society of the Presbyterian church will meet at the home of Mrs. B. F. Warner Tuesday afternoon, June 3rd.

The Secretary of State reports 3,974 deaths in Michigan during the month of April, and 6,908 births during the same period of time.

Mrs. Robert Chapman passed away at her home in Kalamazoo Wednesday forenoon. The remains were brought to Paw Paw for burial.

I. O. O. F. Paw Paw Lodge No 18 will in the Initiatory degree, also 2nd, Nom. of Officers Friday evening, May 30th. Full attendance required.

Charles Shaefer of Kalamazoo spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. James Bale. His wife who is in a hospital in Detroit is improving slowly.

Frank Conger of Chicago came to Paw Paw the first of the week to remain until after Memorial day. Mr. Conger formerly lived in Paw Paw and has many friends and relatives here.

S. B. Moon of Dowagiac, "Ad" Sill and son, Sheriff Earl Sill of Cassopolis were in Paw Paw on business Wednesday. "Ad" Sill was at one time a resident of Paw Paw, an employee of the E. Smith and Co. store from 1871 to 1879.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Clair C. Doren at the Borgess hospital in Kalamazoo last Monday, an eight pound daughter. Mr. Doren is still in the Naval service, but is in Kalamazoo at present to become acquainted with his little daughter.

Miss Etlie Burns closed her school in the Richmond district last Saturday with a picnic. Patrons and pupils enjoyed the day together. Every person in this district regrets the fact that Miss Burns will not be able to teach the coming year.

C. A. Weidenfeller of Kalamazoo announces that he will be a candidate for Lieutenant Governor to succeed Luren D. Dickenson. Mr. Weidenfeller was formerly Representative in the Legislature from this county, and is at present Representative from Kalamazoo county.

Alex Piemont of Chicago has opened a tailor shop in the Weston block, in rooms formerly occupied by the late Dr. Jackson. He will make a specialty in cleaning, repairing and pressing ladies and gentlemen's garments. Advertising space in this issue gives the details of his announcement.

Mrs. M. J. Reffner went to Camp Custer last Thursday to meet her husband, who had just returned from France with the 32nd Division. Mr. Reffner was mustered out of service and returned to Paw Paw with his wife. They have gone to Spangler, Pa., for a visit with his people, after which they will be at home again in Detroit. Mrs. Reffner is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Spicer.

R. E. Jennings of Paw Paw was in Decatur on business Tuesday. Mr. Jennings, being attracted by the numerous curiosities in the Republican office, showed a penny which he carries as a pocket piece. It is nearly as large as a silver dollar. The name King George and the date 1707, are easily read. Mr. Jennings has been informed that it has a value of \$50 as a relic and expressed his willingness to part with it for that sum—Decatur Republican.

A. B. Castle now drives a new automobile.

Mr. and Mrs. George Weston were Holland visitors last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Sellick were in Detroit the first of this week.

Mrs. George Weston is a guest of South Haven friends this week.

Jay Trescott of Hammond, Indiana was in Paw Paw the first of the week this week.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Jennings entertained relatives from South Bend last Sunday.

G. E. Chappell is in Detroit for a visit with his grand daughter, Miss Helen Harrison.

Lieutenant Maurice Cole has arrived from Overseas and will probably soon be at home again.

Mrs. Josephine Smith has returned from an extended visit in Schoolcraft and is at home again.

Mr. and Mrs. James Shanahan of Lawton were guests of her father, Charles Lake last Sunday.

Attorney Earl C. Pugsley of Hart, Michigan was in Paw Paw on Circuit Court business the first of the week.

As usual the school entertainment last Friday evening was a complete success and was highly entertaining.

Attorney Carl D. Mosier of Dowagiac was in Paw Paw last Thursday to attend the funeral of the late T. A. Sprague.

Miss Bess Harrison has arrived from Overseas and is expected home soon. She served in France as a Red Cross nurse.

Dale Harrison of Clarksburg, Virginia was in Paw Paw this week. Dale has a fine position on one of the papers of that city.

Mrs. May Hammond of Decatur will move to Paw Paw and occupy the Fowler residence recently vacated by Prosecutor H. H. Adams.

Many people congregate on the streets every Wednesday evening to enjoy the splendid concerts given by the Paw Paw high school band.

Mr. and Mrs. William Kirkwood left on Wednesday for Vicksburg where they will attend the ceremony of the unveiling of the monument to General Shafter. Mr. Kirkwood was a member of the regiment of which General Shafter was in command.

The J. Hungerford Smith Grape Juice company are doubling the capacity of their plant at Lawton, and the Welch company are erecting a large plant. This added capacity will take care of quite a percentage of the grapes grown in that vicinity.

The big feature of the year at the Idle Hour theatre comes next Monday and Tuesday evenings, June 2nd, and 3rd, when the great Public Health film, "Fit to Win" will be shown. There will be Matinees each afternoon for ladies only, and the evening performance will be for men only. No person under the age of sixteen will be admitted.

Grant McFarlin has arrived home from overseas and has been honorably discharged from the service. Grant was a member of the celebrated 32nd division and has been through the thickest of the fray. He is looking and feeling fine. Claire his brother, is in a hospital in New York city and will be home as soon as he has had time to recuperate and be "Patched up a bit."

The last scheduled base ball game of the county championship series for the locals was played Tuesday afternoon at South Haven. Paw Paw won the game by the score of 10 to 6. Bangor and Paw Paw will now play for the county championship and the cup on Field day. Notwithstanding the fact that Bangor has won two games from the locals during the series, the locals expect to return from Field day with the cup. It will be a game well worth seeing.

Chester Campbell is just closing up one of the most busy seasons of his career in the Nursery Premium business. He has mailed approximately 75,000 packages of trees and shrubs during the season, and has employed at times as many as fifty people. The business is growing rapidly and Mr. Campbell is making extensive improvements in his place of business in preparation for next year. The offices are being enlarged and the work room more conveniently arranged. He has added job presses and a power paper cutter, and will take care of the job printing necessary to the business in his own plant. He goes about his business in a quiet methodical manner, without any fuss or ostentation, but is "sawing wood" every minute. The business is worth many dollars to the receipts of the local post office, and furnishes employment to a large force of men and women during the busy season.

Edwin Reeves of the Idle Hour theatre made a business trip to Chicago last Friday.

Attorney A. Lynn Free will deliver the Memorial address in Gobleville this afternoon.

Mrs. Leon Jacobs, who has been ill for the past two weeks, is able to be up and around again.

Leonard Morton came from Flint to spend a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Morton last week.

Charles Summy is improving rapidly now from his long illness, and is able to sit up a little each day. He has been confined to the bed now for a period of five weeks.

Mrs. Charles Morton underwent a surgical operation at the Bronson hospital in Kalamazoo on Tuesday of this week, and the patient is recovering as rapidly as might be hoped for.

Willard Warner, George Ernsberger M. H. Young, E. F. Parks and F. N. Wakeman were in Kalamazoo Tuesday evening to attend a session of the Grand Lodge F. and A. M. of Michigan.

Married on Wednesday May 28th, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Moe, on East Main street, John D. K. Schutte and Miss Nina Violet Scott. Rev. Arthur Trott officiating. Mr. and Mrs. Schutte will live on the farm of George H. Weber near Three Mile Lake. May happiness attend them.

Rev. I. P. Bates was in Covert on Wednesday to arrange for the 49th, annual meeting of the county Pioneer Society, which will be held in that village on Thursday, June 19th. Mr. Bates states that there will be no requests for death reports this year. Further announcements for this meeting will be made in a later issue.

James Riley of Marcellus, the great spiritualist medium known the country over as "Farmer Riley", died at his home last week Tuesday. People from all over the country have journeyed to his home for manifestations of his power as a "Materializing Medium". Several from Paw Paw in the years gone by have been among those who have been there for that purpose.

John Sebring, one of the best known and most highly respected citizens of Van Buren county, passed away after a long period of illness at his home in Bangor last Friday. He had been intimately connected with the industrial activities of Bangor for many years, and his passing cast a pall not only over his home community, but the entire county as well. He had been the active head of the West Michigan Savings bank for upwards of twenty-five years, and his conservative business judgment, and close application to business was largely responsible for the growth of the institution, and of its standing in financial circles. Mr. Sebring was a real man among men, a kind genial lovable man. An eloquent and merited tribute to his memory was paid by a small boy of Bangor the day prior to his funeral. The lad came to the door of the Sebring home, carrying a crude lilac wreath, and with tears in his eyes, the lad said as the door was opened for him, "I made this for Mr. Sebring, he saved our home." If the truth was only half known, there are many homes in Bangor and surrounding country that have been "Saved" by the kindness and generosity of John Sebring. Deceased was born in Lawton, Michigan in 1853, being past sixty-six years of age at the time of his death. He came to Bangor at an early age, where he assisted his father in the management of the hotel which now bears his name. After his father's death in 1878, he assumed the active management of the hotel, and was landlord until 1908, when the place was sold. Since that time he has given his entire time when health would permit, to the interests of the bank of which he was president. He is survived by his devoted wife, and aged mother, besides numerous more distant relatives. Mrs. Charles Morrison of this place is a niece. The funeral services were held from the home on Tuesday. Dr. L. G. Kent, a former pastor and intimate friend conducted the service from the home, and the Masonic fraternity, Blue Lodge and Knights Templar officiated at the cemetery. The large concourse of people from all over the county, and the profusion of beautiful floral pieces all gave mute but eloquent testimony of the esteem in which John Sebring was held. Following are those who were in attendance from Paw Paw: E. F. Parks, Glenn E. Warner, M. H. Young, Charles Hicks, B. F. Warner, John Mutchler, Harry McNeil, A. N. Cole, Frank Labadie, Lew Labadie, W. C. Wildey, W. C. Mosier, E. V. Root, Judge Wm. Killefer, A. F. Hulbert, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Morrison and F. N. Wakeman.

Advertised Letters:—Chas. R. Bradley, Mrs. Emma Mercer, Wilberforce Scott, Earnie Vanderhule.

Rev. E. E. Shouffer of the Baptist church will deliver the Memorial address in Alma this afternoon.

Mrs. H. A. Sherman left on Wednesday for Big Rapids, where she will visit relatives and friends.

Rus Mentor, Mr. and Mrs. Laban Mentor and son Leo motored to Chicago last Friday for the week end.

Leon L. Douglas was in Kalamazoo Tuesday and Wednesday of this week as delegate to the grand Masonic Lodge.

Ford R. Wilber is serving as Circuit Court stenographer this week, during the absence of Harvey Sherman.

Past Master R. W. Broughton was in Kalamazoo this week to attend the sessions of the Grand Lodge F. and A. M. of Michigan.

Christ Anderson of Chicago has purchased the Anton Wotschka place south of town and moved there with his family.

Miss Carrie Latshaw of Chicago arrived here today for a week end visit at the home of her brother, Fred Latshaw and wife.

Wm. N. Travers of Hartford announces that he will contract for twenty-five acres more of String Beans. Enquire at Eaton and Mosier's store for seed and contract.

H. A. Sherman is in Kalamazoo this week serving in the capacity of Grand Stenographer to the Grand Lodge F. and A. M. of Michigan, a position he has held for several years.

At a meeting of the financial committee of the Presbyterian church held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Van Tassel last week, plans were made for the canvass for funds for the general work of the church for the year of April 1st, 19 to April 1st, 20. Members of the committee are now calling on friends of the church in the interest of the general work of the year.

"The Kirmess" is without doubt the most gorgeous spectacle ever presented on a Paw Paw stage. There are nearly one hundred people in the cast, and the dancing and acting under the instruction of an expert in this line has reached a high state of perfection. The costumes are magnificent, and the entertainment of high class. It will be repeated at the Opera House on Saturday evening of this week.

Virginia Maxine Howe was born April 7th, 1915 and died at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Howe last Sunday, May 25th. "Sister" as she was lovingly called by friends and acquaintances, had been ill but a short time. She was an unusually sweet child, and memory of her will always linger. A devoted mother, father and brother, besides a host of other relatives and friends will mourn for her. Interment was in Prospect cemetery.

Our veteran night policeman, Fred B. Lord, covered himself with glory last Saturday night, capturing a bold burglar single handed, and delivered him over to the sheriff. As he was making his regular beat of the village about midnight of that day, he noticed a car standing in front of the DeLuxe garage. He also noticed some one in the garage and called to the proprietor, Frank Kroth, thinking it might be he working late. Some one inside answered "Yes, it is me." Fred was not satisfied however that all was well, and stepped around the corner of the building to watch. As he did so a man walked out of the alley to the car in front, and Fred asked "What was wanted?" He replied, "I want some gas," but can't wait all night for it." He then started the engine and was about to drive away when Fred fired a shot to frighten him, and ordered the man to "throw up his hands", which he did. In the meantime Mr. Kroth had awakened and entered the garage from the rear, just in time to see two men make their exit from a window. A hurry call was sent for the sheriff and Mr. Lord turned over his prisoner to him. He was found to be Clinton Van Linder of Kalamazoo. He had that day been discharged from the employ of the Hack and Bus Co. of that city, and that night had stolen a taxi from the barns for the trip to Paw Paw. He declined to tell who his companions in crime were, and was turned over to the Kalamazoo officers to answer to the charge of burglary there. A .44 caliber automatic revolver was found under the seat of the taxi, but the officer had the drop on him, and there was no chance to use it. About \$50 in currency was taken from the Garage till, besides some accessories the exact amount of which Mr. Kroth is unable to determine.

Attorney Glenn E. Warner will deliver the Memorial address in Cassopolis today.

Dr. Hildreth of Macon, Missouri spent several days here this week, a guest at the home of his daughter Mrs. A. E. Van Vleck and family.

Blue Gills have commenced to bite. Several good strings have been caught from Three Mile and Christie's lake the past week.

If the present weather continues, home grown strawberries will soon be on the market. Usually there are plenty of strawberries on the market by Memorial day, but the continued cold weather of the present season has retarded the development of the berries. Present indications are that there will be a bountiful crop.

This is Decoration day and the program as announced last week will be carried out. Remember those who can furnish automobiles are requested to be at the Water works to convey the soldiers to Prospect Hill. Every citizen who possibly can should this year of all years attend the services and assist in every way possible to make the day just what it should be.

All roads will lead to Lawrence one week from today, when the annual county Field Meet will be held. From the showing made by the local athletes in the Kalamazoo meets, Paw Paw should bring back a liberal share of the trophies. The center of interest will undoubtedly be the base ball game in the afternoon between Bangor and Paw Paw. Bangor has won two games from Paw Paw, but the teams are quite evenly matched and it is certain to be a ball game from start to finish.

Last Monday evening as Mr. and Mrs. L. Higgs were driving home from Kirmess rehearsal, Mr. Higgs was suddenly stricken and fell over unconscious in the auto seat. Mrs. Higgs turned the car around and holding up the unfortunate man with one arm, with the other drove to the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Spicer, where medical aid was quickly summoned. At the time of going to press, he has not fully regained consciousness, and while hopes are still entertained for his recovery, he lies in a very critical condition. Dr. Cobb of Chicago, a nephew of Mrs. Higgs was summoned from Chicago; a nurse is in attendance and everything known to medical skill and science is being used to save his life. Uremic poisoning with a slight stroke of apoplexy is given as the direct cause of the collapse.

The Northern Baptist convention in session in Denver, Colorado last week adopted a resolution asking Congress not to follow the recommendation of President Wilson for the repeal of war-time prohibition as it effects wines and beers. The convention also unanimously adopted the report of the national committee of laymen providing for a general planning board to co-ordinate activities of the church under one governing body, consisting of 140 members. The plan provides that the board will be responsible for the conduct of the work of the organizations and amenable to the dictates of the convention. All the societies and organizations under the supervision of the convention will prepare their budgets and outline their program of activities for each year for the consideration of this board of control.

T. A. Sprague was born in Churchville, Monroe County, New York on September 2nd, 1845 and died in Alma, May 19th, 1919, aged seventy-three years, eight months and seventeen days. His boyhood and early manhood was spent in York State. Coming with his mother, brothers and sisters to Alma in 1865, they located on the farm just south of here where he lived some years. He was married on January 7th, 1875 to Mary E. Downing and they moved upon this farm. After his mother's death he bought the old home place and again he moved onto the farm he loved, and only recently sold on account of failing health. Yet his strong will power and love for farm life was too great a temptation for him to lay aside all work, and so they came back here to their "first home". But although all was done for him that could be, he gradually failed until the end. He was one of a family of nine children, all of whom have gone before excepting two. One brother and one sister. A brother Mr. Hobert Sprague of Grand Rapids dying one week ago Sunday and buried one week today at Churchville New York. Mr. Sprague was an honest, upright man, a neighbor to all and will be missed by all friends. Beside the sister and brother, he leaves his wife who has administered faithfully to him during his sickness, also several nephews and nieces. Mrs. Olivia J. Woodman officiated at his funeral, and spoke feelingly of his every day life so nobly lived.

All road swill lead to Lawrence one Will Neale is making some needed repairs in the main street sidewalks.

Charles Giddings sold Overlands to The Red Cross and War Board and to Robert McWilliams this week.

T. J. Cavanaugh is rebuilding and remodeling his residence on north Kalamazoo street. W. H. Simmons has the contract.

Frank Simpson and daughter who have spent the winter in Florida have been guests at the home of his sister, Mrs. Clara Woodman this week.

The Trophy won by the local athletes at the Western State Normal Interscholastic Field and Track meet has arrived and is a source of much satisfaction and pride to the school.

A committee from Decatur were in Paw Paw Wednesday evening to witness the dress rehearsal of "The Kirmess." They were all enthusiastic about the production and made arrangements to have the same repeated at Decatur at an early date.

One of the Rural Mail Carriers out of Kalamazoo, a Mr. Bushnell, was struck by a K. L. S. and C. locomotive Tuesday morning at Brighton station. The car was demolished and the driver so badly injured that he died the following day.

Owing to the fact that the production "The Kirmess" was all ready to be given, tickets sold, costumes on hand, and arrangements all made which has involved a heavy expense, the performance was given last night notwithstanding the serious illness of Mr. Higgs, and will be repeated Saturday night.

CARD OF THANKS

I desire through the columns of The True Northerner to express sincere gratitude to the friends and neighbors for their kindness and sympathy during the last illness and at the death of my beloved husband, I shall never forget it.

Mrs. T. A. Sprague.

CARD OF THANKS

We desire to thank all those who by word or deed, so kindly assisted us during our recent bereavement, and especially for the beautiful flowers.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Howe
Mr. and Mrs. Robert McWilliams
and family.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Services will be held at the usual hours: Sunday school at 10:00 A. M. Preaching service at 11:00 A. M. The theme for the morning, "The Supremacy of the Invisible". All are cordially invited to attend.

GOBLEVILLE

A large number from here spent Thursday of last week in Kalamazoo and helped welcome home our soldier boys.

A. Bartoline of Chicago is visiting friends here.

Mr. Hicks made a business trip to Grand Rapids Wednesday.

George Buss has purchased the house in which he resides, of Mr. Lockard.

Mrs. Esther Morlin and son of Kalamazoo are visiting her mother, Mrs. Lockard.

C. M. Blink was in St. Joe and Benton Harbor a few days on business.

Mrs. R. D. Perkins spent several days last week with her mother who is ill.

Clyde Ruell was called home from Flint by the death of his niece Gwendolyn Lamberson of Kalamazoo who was laid to rest in Robinson cemetery. James Baxter is seriously ill with pneumonia.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Myers of Allegan and Mrs. Cass Myers of Kalamazoo, Mr. and Mrs. Bryce Myers and Mr. and Mrs. Lester Myers of Grand Rapids were Sunday guests at the A. H. Merrifield home.

O. P. Hudson was able to be up and around after a long illness and is getting along nicely.

Richard Loomis received \$2.65 a bushel for wheat last week.

The Memorial service preached by Rev. Lemon was pronounced the best ever heard by many. Special music as usual and a full house. On Sunday evening the Thanks offering of the Missionary society was held and was a decided success in every way.

Word was received from Colorado that Mrs. Loomis, who resided north of town has passed away. She was in poor health and was preparing to return to Michigan, but the effort proved too much for her.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Post have been spending a few days at the home of their son, on the Base Line.